

Partridge Enterprise was a family owned business aimed at providing a retirement for Kenneth G. Partridge age 87 and Barbara E. Partidge age 84. The business was built over a period of 5 years mostly by reputation and hard work. During the period of operation the regulated telephone companies entered the market place, used their power and the rate payers money to virtually buy out the pager production lines of Motorola. The business continued to grow in spite of these tactics, when this failed to force a lot of us out of business we suddenly found ourselves with facing rate cuts to the point of not being able to compet and then finally we had trouble with interconnect lines and tarrif interpretations. SBC has consistantly beenfined by the FCC, ignored State orders, and failed to comply with the courts orders. Now SBC seems to think that they are entitled to receive permission to expand their monopoly before they comply with State decisions and Court decisions that have been levied against them. In recent commercials the head of SBC has blatantly lied about the situation of the company and the support they give to the small business person. I think that the FCC should not grant them any further rights until they face their present responsibilities to actions that have already been decided agaist them. How much abuse of power should they be allowed.

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